

2009 Emerald Ash Borer Updates:

May 29 - 4:00 p.m.: EAB Public Open House scheduled for June 4, 6 - 8 p.m. at South Saint Anthony Recreation Center. Concerned residents can view detailed information and ask EAB experts questions about next steps.

June 1 - 11:30 a.m.: Survey results released today- Saint Paul has 59 confirmed cases of EAB.

June 1 - 7:30 p.m.: Saint Paul forestry crews began work today for the removal of the 29 infested EAB trees on public property. Work will continue this week in the St. Anthony Park Neighborhood.

June 2- 11:00 a.m.: Saint Paul forestry crew completed removal of 32 infested EAB trees on public property and have started removal of infected trees on private property. There are a reported 34 trees on private property that will be removed.

June 3- 5:00 p.m.: 32 public trees were removed, 22 private trees were removed. 12 private trees remain and will be removed tomorrow.

June 4- 9:30 a.m.: 2 private trees that have been partially removed will be completed and there are plans to remove the other 10 private trees.

June 8 - 9:37 a.m.: Total number of trees removed to date - 68 (34 public and 34 private). Girdling (removing a strip of bark to encourage adult females in area to the tree for removal in fall) was done on Friday. Monitoring the infestation continues, but initial response plan of removal has been completed.

June 9 - 12:30 p.m.: Purple EAB traps will be set throughout Saint Paul by Forestry and MDA staff. A total of 20 public trees will be girdled by the end of today. Plans are being finalized for next steps for public and private ash trees not currently confirmed with EAB.

June 16 - 10:30 a.m.: Purple EAB traps continue to be set throughout Saint Paul by Forestry and MDA staff. Tune into the City Council Meeting on Wednesday,

June 17 at 3:30 p.m., Item #17 on the agenda is a presentation with updates and next steps by the director of Parks and Recreation, Mike Hahm.

September 9, 2009: St. Paul Forestry & MDA begin destructive sampling of declining ash trees throughout the city. A total of seven trees are removed. One tree on Howell St. N is confirmed infested with EAB. An EAB was found on an MDA purple trap one block away from this location earlier in the summer.

October 7-8, 2009: Destructive sampling continues with a focus on the Newell Park area due to the find on Howell St. Eleven trees were removed and sampled by St. Paul Forestry and MDA. No trees were found to be infested with EAB.

October 15, 2009: St. Paul Forestry & MDA removed and sampled ten of the twenty ash trees girdled in the South St. Anthony neighborhood early this summer. Eight of the ten trees were confirmed infested with EAB. The remaining ten will be removed in late winter.

October 29, 2009: Destructive sampling of an ash tree in Langford Park revealed a new infestation one half mile away from the original infested area.

November 20, 2009: Parks & Recreation-Forestry submitted grant application to the MDA for Emerald ash borer incident response. Formal notification of award amounts will come in January 2010.

November-December 2009: Destructive sampling of ash trees continues in Northwestern area of Saint Paul. Trees selected based on canopy dieback and location.